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Re: Digital TV

FCC Chairman M. K. Powell,

Regarding being "halfway out in the stream in the canoe", please remember you built the canoe.

Perhaps you really don't understand the public. TV transmit a message which we all get. Making the image "prettier" is all right for the aficionada (think Hi-Fi vs. plain records) but the public isn't really interested unless it costs no more than the existing equipment!

Moreover, you are squeezing many stations financially getting them to convert to digital.

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Very truly yours

R. M. Wolff

cc: LA Times

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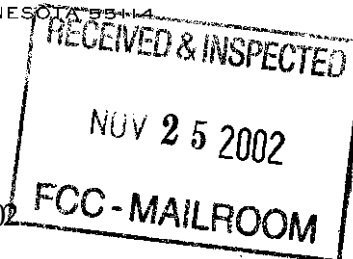
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The Honorable Michael K. Powell
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Dear Chairman Powell:

I remember well our interesting conversation in your office on October 2. What you have done in regard to DTV is, unfortunately, in our free market society the only way that digital television is going to be available to all Americans. What you did took courage, and I congratulate you.

As always, if I can be of any help, please give me a call.

Best personal regards,

Stanley S. Hubbard

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cc: Stanley E. Hubbard
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Mr. Michael Powell, Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
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Dear Chairman Powell : **Distribution Center**

I protest the FCC order to television makers to speed up the transition to digital sets.

I am a retiree on a limited income and I cannot afford to buy a new set -- or to bear the expense of converting my present set (if such a conversion would be possible).

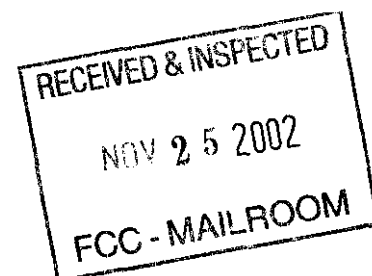
Your order may help the manufacturers and the retailers, and it may be acceptable to the more affluent in our society, but what about people like me?

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August 13, 2002

Dear Sir or Madam:

How dare you tell me, as a consumer, that I must go 'digital' for television use. Progress is supposed to be a freedom of choice – choice of the manufacturer and choice of the consumer/public.

There are no safety issues to force this decision on the American public so why are you interfering with competition? We should have choices and not be dictated to. I do not need a better picture or clearer sound and am happy with the sets/technology I currently have. I am sure many Americans feel the same way.

You are misusing/abusing your powers and changes must be made. Let the American public make its own choices – we are capable of that. Let new technology proceed or stall at its own pace, not at one you choose to artificially create. I wonder again why you are interfering with free enterprise?

Why does the government interfere or feel they have to regulate every aspect of our lives'? They have definitely forgotten many of the reasons immigrants came to this country.

I hope consumers and manufacturers challenge any rulings in this area.

How convenient that the ~~government~~ is taking over analog channels for their private use. Stealing from broadcasters is another outrage. Eminent domain was intended to be for emergency or crisis situations and again and again agencies, like yours, continue to step on the little person.

Let the American people make choices of how they want to live their lives. America is truly not a country I am proud to be a citizen of.

Act now to make changes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Mr. Augie G. Hiebert
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Dear Augie:

Thank you for your letter of June 29th, 2002, regarding the FCC mandate to Convert television translators from analog to digital broadcasting by May 2003. I understand your frustrations surrounding this challenge.

It may interest you to know that the FY03 Agriculture Appropriations bill reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee is the only bill that provides funding to replace translators, while other federal programs address the funding needed to replace equipment such as camerae, towers, and production studios for public broadcasting. This will allow signals produced in Anchorage (KAKM), Fairbanks (KUAC), Juneau (KTQQ), and Bethel (KYUK) to be transmitted to rural communities. The bill provides \$15 million nationwide for this purpose (out of a \$53.9 million Distance Learning and Telemedicine fund) to ensure that rural areas nationwide have access to digital broadcast news and information.

Also, the FY03 Labor, HHS, and Education Appropriation bill reported by the Senate Appropriations Committee included \$50 million for conversion for public broadcasting stations nationwide. Alaska will benefit from this funding. Last year \$25 million was appropriated for this purpose. To date, Alaskan stations have received \$3 million of the \$12 million distributed nationwide. KAKM in Anchorage will be home to a new state-of-the-art digital production studio for Alaska public broadcasters. The new studio will put Alaska on the cutting edge and will allow our public television stations to broadcast at least four shows simultaneously. At least one of those shows will be an educational channel to serve school children.

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Augie G. Hiebert
July 30, 2002

Also, the Senate Appropriations Committee reported the FY03 Commerce, Justice, and State Appropriations bill which funds, through the National Telecommunications and Information Administration, \$51.776 million nationwide for planning and construction grants for public television, radio, and non-broadcast facilities, with priority given to applications to convert from analog to digital broadcasting - this represents a 20 percent increase over last year. Alaska stations are eligible for these funds.

With best wishes,

Cordially,


TED STEVENS

*I am trying - it's
not as easy from
the Minority side!
my best
Joe*

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A. G. Hiebert
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13 August 2002

Senator Ted Stevens
U. S. Senate, Alaska
522 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Ted.

RE: UHF-TV Translators for fill-in - extended reach

Thanks for yours of 30 July. My frustration is not conversion from Analog to Digital, We want Digital. We urgently need UHF Translators for fill-in and extending necessary coverage within Primary areas of service (where Mountains blind us) and beyond. What we need is to wake up the FCC to what they gave Broadcasters early in the game when everyone thought UHF was worthless, then designating it for Broadcast use, now insist on auctioning it away!

The harm to Alaska, which originally was given every VHF and UHF channel in the Broadcast Spectrum, is that we need the UHF channels for Translators to serve where the people live around the "bend of the Mountain, and many miles beyond primary Metro range.

What the FCC says is that no TV station (after final conversion) will be allowed TWO Class A Digital Channels! WE ARE NOT ASKING FOR TWO DAMNED CLASS A CHANNELS. FCC just sleeps through our needs, and I daresay needs of other small markets too. We want to cover our area of PEOPLE responsibility--we have done this with TRANSLATORS since they were legalized in 1959. Mine at Healy-Suntrana was first in Alaska--now we just want to continue what ALASKAN BROADCASTERS LEARNED WAS NEEDED TO SERVE OUR PUBLIC many years ago! We can afford to build and pay for our own--give that money to the Public Stations who are the only remaining hope for Community service to the Public, and which Al Bramstedt and I support with a passion--and we thank you for all you have done to provide funds for their successful Digital future.

And for the future welfare of Alaska's good health (and the Country's)--please be sure you and your Colleagues make it MAJORITY again come November!

Cordially, 

cc: Mr. Al Bramstedt

enc. FIFTY YEARS OF UHF TELEVISION - What was dedicated to Broadcast use.
FCC's 4th Report & Order, establishing UHF for TV use July 11, 1951. Worth reading!

PLEASE FORWARD TO THE ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT



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FIFTY YEARS OF UHF TELEVISION

Fifty years ago, on April 11, 1962, the FCC adopted their Sixth Report and Order (R&O) regarding television channel allocations. It was published in the Federal Register on May 2, 1962. This landmark ruling from the FCC completely reshaped the television broadcast industry. The 6th R&O was a culmination of a series of issues (Dockets 8738, 8975, 8976 and 9175) confronting the FCC. These included the ending of the 1948 TV application "freeze", the opening of the UHF band for TV, a massive table of channel assignments and other allocation criteria, the reassignment of dozens of VHF stations to reduce interference, and the establishment of non-commercial educational television by reserving channels in hundreds of communities.

Fifty years ago visionaries of both commercial and educational organizations had the foresight to press hard to obtain more channels, adopt technical standards, develop new reception and transmission technology and make changes when necessary. It was a time when receiver technology was in its infancy, transmission systems were expensive and public interest was as high on the minds of broadcasters as broadcasting was on the minds of the public. By 1962, there were over 17 million VHF-only black & white TV receivers for a population of 150 million people.

From the title "Sixth Report & Order" it is apparent that other Reports preceded this one. Indeed the series of dockets began by an Order adopted on September 30, 1948 to "freeze" processing and construction of 420 proposed new TV stations until current problems with VHF allocations and new technical rules could be worked out.

The First and Second R&O dealt with options in moving toward color television service. In the Third R&O, adopted June 20, 1961, the Commission decided to continue the "freeze" on new TV stations and continued to contemplate how TV might use UHF frequencies.

The FCC's Fourth R&O was adopted only weeks later on July 11, 1961. In it, the UHF television band was established by removing 5 MHz originally assigned for facsimile (470-475 MHz) and 25 MHz (475-500 MHz) originally reserved for common carrier mobile service to create a band between 470 and 890 MHz exclusively for television.

In that same month (it must have been a cool July in Washington that year) the FCC issued its Fifth R&O, adopted July 25, 1961. In it, the FCC continued the "freeze" but allowed some stations to make modifications on a case-by-case basis while reviewing issues of UHF allocation and considered changing mileage separations between VHF stations.

Upon reading the Orders one is struck by the fact that each of the Commissioners generally had a firm grasp on the issues at hand and commented succinctly on engineering matters as well as policy in their comments on the Orders. Each Commissioner at the time had an engineering assistant to explain the intricacies of allocations and propagation.

It is instructive to note that the route to digital television has developed in much the same way. A freeze on construction of analog stations, hundreds of committee meetings, development of application and implementation policies, establishment of technical rules, and finally a channel assignment table. Some things never change.

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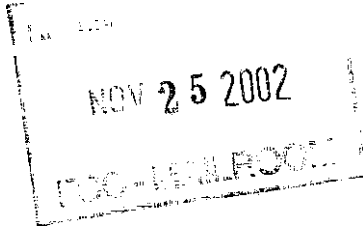
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Kevin J. Martin
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Washington, DC

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Dear Commissioner:

I wanted to take a moment to congratulate you ~~on~~ your (opposing) vote for digital TV

The last thing this country needs is six hundred dollar televisions.

I suppose things **are** "hopping" at the FCC these days with the country surging into the "digitalitis movement". (also known **as** "analog paranoia").

Different is different...better is better. What **the** country needs is a few (better) options

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David W. Shean".

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